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Regge symmetry and partition of Wigner $3-j$ or super $3-j^S$ symbols: unknown properties

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Abstract

For each generic $(3-j)$ the column parities, $2(j \pm m)$, define 3 intrinsic parities: α, β, γ . In algebra $so(3)$ only $(3-j)_\alpha$ exists whereas super-algebra $osp(1|2)$ admits 3 kinds of super-symbols $(3-j)_\alpha^S, (3-j)_\beta^S, (3-j)_\gamma^S$. Instead of 4 for $\{6-j\}$ symbols, Regge symmetry this time produces 5 partitions $S_l(0), S_l(1), S_l(2), S_l(4), S_l(5)$, with $S_l(3) = \emptyset$. Valid for $(3-j)_\alpha, (3-j)_{\alpha,\gamma}^S$ they reduce to 2 for $(3-j)_\beta^S$ with $S_l(0), S_l(1)$. Unexpectedly a symbol $(3-j)_\beta^S$ and its 'Regge-transformed' may be opposite in sign. In terms of integer parts and super-triangle \triangle^S a formula similar to that of a $(3-j)$ is obtained for the $(3-j)^S$. Some forbidden $(3-j)_\beta^S$ require an analytic prolongation, consistent with Regge β -partitions.

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1 Introduction

As in our recent work on $\{6-j\}$ symbols partitions [1] the aim is to carry out a similar analysis on $(3-j)$ symbols. The first task is to find the right partition parameters for the $(3-j)$ symbols. *A priori*, they are far to be apparent data. However it well seems that they are involved in the analytic formulas themselves [1], here under the form of $(j_k \pm m_k)$ where k refers to the k th column, $k = [1, 3]$. This key-parameter allows one to define a ‘column-parity’ **even** or **odd** according to the parity of $2(j_k \pm m_k)$, respectively. Any column $\mathbf{c}_k = \begin{vmatrix} j_k \\ m_k \end{vmatrix}$ can be of two kinds, denoted by a shorthand notation like $\overset{|\text{ev}|}{\mathbf{c}_k}$ or $\overset{|\text{od}|}{\mathbf{c}_k}$. In spite of its binary appearance, this is a parameter different from the binary variable $2(j-l)$ introduced in [2, p. 2477] in relation to the $so(3)$ doublets $l = j, l = j - \frac{1}{2}$. Thus alternative notations are possible:

$$\begin{pmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & j_3 \\ m_1 & m_2 & m_3 \end{pmatrix} = \left(\begin{vmatrix} j_1 \\ m_1 \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} j_2 \\ m_2 \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} j_3 \\ m_3 \end{vmatrix} \right) = (\mathbf{c}_1 \ \mathbf{c}_2 \ \mathbf{c}_3). \quad (1)$$

For $so(3)$ any $(3-j)$ is of kind $(\overset{|\text{ev}|}{\mathbf{c}_1} \ \overset{|\text{ev}|}{\mathbf{c}_2} \ \overset{|\text{ev}|}{\mathbf{c}_3})$. This will be different for $osp(1|2)$ and $(3-j)^S$ symbols. As will be seen further the concept of ‘column-parity’ naturally leads to properly assign intrinsic parities to super $(3-j)^S$ symbols [2, 3] and classify their Regge-partitions. The paper is organized as follows: sections **2-3** are devoted to $(3-j)$ symbols, **4-5** to super $(3-j)^S$ symbols and **6** to an analytic prolongation of some ‘forbidden’ super symbols.

2 Analytic formula for $(3-j)$ symbols

For Wigner $3-j$ symbols, denoted here by $(3-j)$, the most commonly used expression [4, 5, 6, 7] can be written down as

$$\begin{pmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & j_3 \\ m_1 & m_2 & m_3 \end{pmatrix}_{|\sum_k m_k=0} = \Delta(j_1 j_2 j_3) v \begin{pmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & j_3 \\ m_1 & m_2 & m_3 \end{pmatrix}_{|\sum_k m_k=0}, \quad (2.1)$$

where Δ triangle of Edmonds [6, p. 99] has been used here for convenience

$$\Delta(abc) = \left(\frac{(a+b-c)!(a-b+c)!(-a+b+c)!}{(a+b+c+1)!} \right)^{1/2}, \quad (2.2)$$

and v is directly arranged with $(j_k \pm m_k)$ parameters announced in introduction:

$$\begin{aligned} v \begin{pmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & j_3 \\ m_1 & m_2 & m_3 \end{pmatrix} &= (-1)^{j_1+m_1-(j_2-m_2)} (\prod_k (j_k + m_k)!(j_k - m_k)!)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\times \sum_z \frac{(-1)^z}{z!(z-(j_2+m_2-(j_3-m_3)))(z-((j_1-m_1)-(j_3+m_3)))(j_1+m_1+j_2+m_2-(j_3-m_3))-z!(j_1-m_1-z)!(j_2+m_2-z)!}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

This is nothing more than that used in Ref. [4]¹ for computing $(3-j)$ symbols numerical values.

¹Misprints: in (1.11) no frontal phase, in rhs of (1.12), m_3 to be replaced by m_2 .

3 Regge symmetry of (3- j) symbols

By ignoring the phases, the symmetry group contains 12 elements and temporarily will be denoted by S_l (lack of better). Thanks to Regge [8] surprising symmetries became known since 1958 and relate to Wigner (3- j) symbols. They were already reported in Table of Rotenberg and al. [4], and analyzed in standard books like [5] where by way of conclusion we only learn that the initial symmetry group S_l becomes a larger group of order 72.

According to our analysis done with {6- j } symbols [1], we are interested in the production of new triangles ($j'_1 j'_2 j'_3$) from a given ($j_1 j_2 j_3$). We shall write out in detail only the relevant transformations by avoiding phase factors in formulas, which is possible using one of the twelve (3- j) symmetries. Our notations of the partition parameters will be the following

$$j_k^+ = (j_k + m_k), \quad j_k^- = (j_k - m_k). \quad (3.1)$$

As a matter of fact, a glance at the Regge array [4, 5], also used to represent a (3- j) symbol, directly shows the underlying existence of these parameters:

$$\begin{pmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & j_3 \\ m_1 & m_2 & m_3 \end{pmatrix} = R = \begin{bmatrix} -j_1 + j_2 + j_3 & j_1 - j_2 + j_3 & j_1 + j_2 - j_3 \\ j_1 - m_1 & j_2 - m_2 & j_3 - m_3 \\ j_1 + m_1 & j_2 + m_2 & j_3 + m_3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (3.2)$$

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} R_1^1 & R_1^2 & R_1^3 \\ R_2^1 & R_2^2 & R_2^3 \\ R_3^1 & R_3^2 & R_3^3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -j_1^- + j_2^+ + j_3^+ & j_1^+ - j_2^- + j_3^+ & j_1^+ + j_2^+ - j_3^- \\ j_1^- & j_2^- & j_3^- \\ j_1^+ & j_2^+ & j_3^+ \end{bmatrix}. \quad (3.3)$$

Below *five* Regge transformations are listed from \mathcal{R}_1 up to \mathcal{R}_5 . They generate at most *five* distinct triangles different from the original. This means also *five distinct* (3- j) symbols, of course **with the same numerical value**. We emphasize this point because for super (3- j)^s symbols it may happen that numerical values do not have the same sign.

Overview of Regge transformations

$$\begin{pmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & j_3 \\ m_1 & m_2 & m_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} j_1 & \frac{1}{2}(j_3^- + j_2^-) & \frac{1}{2}(j_3^+ + j_2^+) \\ (j_2 - j_3) & \frac{1}{2}(j_3^- - j_2^-) & \frac{1}{2}(j_3^+ - j_2^+) \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathcal{R}_1 \quad (3.4)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}(j_1^- + j_3^-) & j_2 & \frac{1}{2}(j_1^+ + j_3^+) \\ \frac{1}{2}(j_1^- - j_3^-) & (j_3 - j_1) & \frac{1}{2}(j_1^+ - j_3^+) \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathcal{R}_2 \quad (3.5)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}(j_2^- + j_1^-) & \frac{1}{2}(j_2^+ + j_1^+) & j_3 \\ \frac{1}{2}(j_2^- - j_1^-) & \frac{1}{2}(j_2^+ - j_1^+) & (j_1 - j_2) \end{pmatrix}. \quad \mathcal{R}_3 \quad (3.6)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & j_3 \\ m_1 & m_2 & m_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}(j_3^- + j_2^-) & \frac{1}{2}(j_1^- + j_3^-) & \frac{1}{2}(j_2^- + j_1^-) \\ \frac{1}{2}(j_3^- + j_2^-) - j_1^+ & \frac{1}{2}(j_1^- + j_3^-) - j_2^+ & \frac{1}{2}(j_2^- + j_1^-) - j_3^+ \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathcal{R}_4 \quad (3.7)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}(j_3^+ + j_2^+) & \frac{1}{2}(j_1^+ + j_3^+) & \frac{1}{2}(j_2^+ + j_1^+) \\ -\frac{1}{2}(j_3^+ + j_2^+) + j_1^- & -\frac{1}{2}(j_1^+ + j_3^+) + j_2^- & -\frac{1}{2}(j_2^+ + j_1^+) + j_3^- \end{pmatrix}. \quad \mathcal{R}_5 \quad (3.8)$$

3.1 Features of (3- j) symbols generated by Regge transformations

We will use various definitions and notations explicated below.

(3- j) $\xrightarrow{S_l} \{(3-j)\} =$ a set denoted by S_l that contains twelve (3- j).

$$(3-j) \in \mathbf{S}_l \xrightarrow{\mathcal{R}_\kappa} (3-j)^{\mathcal{R}_\kappa} \in \mathbf{S}_l^{\mathcal{R}_\kappa}, \quad \kappa \in [1, 5].$$

Let be n_\emptyset the number of empty intersections satisfying to

$$\mathbf{S}_l^{\mathcal{R}_\kappa} \cap \mathbf{S}_l^{\mathcal{R}_\lambda} \cap \mathbf{S}_l = \emptyset, \quad \kappa \neq \lambda \in [1, 5]. \quad (3.9)$$

A priori it results that 6 disjoint sets $\mathbf{S}_l(n_\emptyset)$ may be defined for $n_\emptyset \in [0, 5]$.

If a set $\mathbf{S}_l(n_\emptyset)$ is not empty, then it contains $12(n_\emptyset + 1)$ $(3-j)$ symbols.

Filtering operation ($\mathbf{S}_l^{\text{filter}}$):

\mathcal{R}_{all} denotes the five Regge transformations. \mathcal{R}_{all} applied to a $(3-j)_0$ yields a list

$$\mathcal{R}_{all}((3-j)_0) = \{(3-j)^{\mathcal{R}_1}, (3-j)^{\mathcal{R}_2}, (3-j)^{\mathcal{R}_3}, (3-j)^{\mathcal{R}_4}, (3-j)^{\mathcal{R}_5}\}. \quad (3.10)$$

If $(3-j)^{\mathcal{R}_\lambda} \in \mathbf{S}_l^{\mathcal{R}_\kappa}$, $\lambda \neq \kappa \in [1, 5]$ then $(3-j)^{\mathcal{R}_\lambda}$ is deleted from the list (3.10). After this first operation there may remain at least *one* and at most *five* $(3-j)$ inside the list. Among the remaining $(3-j)$'s we continue a similar operation by checking if a $(3-j) \in \mathbf{S}_{l_0}$, if it is the case the $(3-j)$ is deleted from the remaining list. It may happen that the final list is empty. The operation described above is denoted by $(\mathbf{S}_l^{\text{filter}})$ and we define \mathcal{R}_{egge}^* by

$$\mathcal{R}_{egge}^* = (\mathbf{S}_l^{\text{filter}}) \circ \mathcal{R}_{all}. \quad (3.11)$$

This allows us to build a partition of any $(3-j)$ symbols into $\mathbf{S}_l(n_\emptyset)$ sets.

$$\text{Closure property under } \mathcal{R}_{egge}^* \text{ is ensured namely } \mathcal{R}_{egge}^*(\mathbf{S}_l(n_\emptyset)) \equiv \mathbf{S}_l(n_\emptyset). \quad (3.12)$$

The method is similar to that followed in our previous paper [1] about $\{6-j\}$.

Definitions: $[(\text{circ})]$ will denote a circular permutation of $(1,2,3)$

$$\mathbf{N}_0^d = \text{number of zeros of } \{(j_i^+ - j_k^+)_{i \neq k}\} + \text{number of zeros of } \{(j_i^- - j_k^-)_{i \neq k}\}. \quad (3.13)$$

$$\mathbf{N}_0^\pm = \text{number of zeros of } \{(j_i^+ - j_k^-)_{i \neq k}\} + \text{number of zeros of } \{(j_i^- - j_k^+)_{i \neq k}\}. \quad (3.14)$$

$$\mathbf{N}_0^m = \text{number of zeros of } \{(j_i^+ - j_i^-)\} \equiv \{(2m_i)\}, \text{ with values } 0, 1 \text{ or } 3. \quad (3.15)$$

Consider 6 differences between the first row of the Regge array and the second or third.

$$\delta \mathbf{R}_1^k = (R_1^k - R_i^k) \quad \text{with } i \in [2, 3], \quad k \in [1, 3]. \quad (3.16)$$

Each quantity is a difference between a $(j^+ - j^-)$ and a $(j^- - j^+)$ or a $(j^+ - j^+)$:

$$\delta \mathbf{R}_2^1 = (j_2^+ - j_1^-) - (j_1^- - j_3^+), \quad \delta \mathbf{R}_3^1 = (j_2^+ - j_1^-) - (j_1^+ - j_3^+) \quad \text{and so on.} \quad (3.17)$$

$$\mathbf{N}_0^R = \text{number of zeros of } [\delta \mathbf{R}_2] + \text{number of zeros of } [\delta \mathbf{R}_3]. \quad (3.18)$$

The partition selectors belong to a set \mathcal{E}_{se1} (15 elements) defined by

$$\mathcal{E}_{\text{se1}} = \left\{ (j_i^{\overset{\#}{=3}+} - j_k^+), (j_i^- - j_k^{\overset{\#}{=3}-}), (j_i^{\overset{\#}{=3}+} - j_k^-), (j_i^- - j_k^+), (j_i^{\overset{\#}{=3}+} - j_i^-) \right\}_{i \neq k} \quad i, k \in [1, 3]. \quad (3.19)$$

As $[\delta \mathbf{R}_2], [\delta \mathbf{R}_3]$ are linear combinations of elements of \mathcal{E}_{se1} , they are not accounted for.

The partitions and selectors found are shown below.

$$S_l(0) = \{(3-j)\} | \quad N_0^\pm \in [3, 4] \text{ or } N_0^\pm = 6, \quad (3.20)$$

$$S_l(1) = \{(3-j)\} | \quad N_0^\pm = 2, \quad (3.21)$$

$$S_l(2) = \{(3-j)\} | \quad N_0^\pm = 1, \quad (3.22)$$

$$S_l(3) = \quad \emptyset, \quad (3.23)$$

$$\begin{aligned} S_l(4) = \{(3-j)\} | \quad & N_0^\pm = 0, (N_0^m = 0) \text{ and} \\ & N_0^d = 2, N_0^R = 0, ((j_1^+ = j_2^+) \text{ and } (j_1^- = j_2^-)) \text{ or } (\text{circ}) \\ & \text{or} \\ & (N_0^d = 0, N_0^R = 3) \text{ or } (N_0^d = 4, N_0^R = 0) \\ & \oplus \\ & N_0^\pm = 0, (N_0^m = 1) \text{ and } (N_0^d = 0, N_0^R = 4) \\ & \oplus \\ & N_0^\pm = 0, (N_0^m = 3) \text{ and } (N_0^d = 0, N_0^R = 0 \text{ or } 2), \end{aligned} \quad (3.24)$$

$$\begin{aligned} S_l(5) = \{(3-j)\} | \quad & N_0^\pm = 0, (N_0^m = 0) \text{ and} \\ & N_0^d = 2, N_0^R = 0, ((j_1^+ = j_2^+) \text{ and } (j_1^- \neq j_2^-)) \text{ or } (\text{circ}) \\ & \text{or} \\ & (N_0^d \in [0, 1], N_0^R \in [0, 2]) \text{ or } (N_0^d = 3, N_0^R = 0) \\ & \oplus \\ & N_0^\pm = 0, (N_0^m = 1) \text{ and } (N_0^d = 0, N_0^R \in [0, 2]) \text{ or } (N_0^d = 1, N_0^R \in [0, 1]). \end{aligned} \quad (3.25)$$

Instead of 4 for $\{6-j\}$ symbols, we find here 5 partitions for $\{3-j\}$ symbols.

A symbolic sequence illustrate the results where over each subset is indicated its cardinal:

$$(3-j) + \text{Regge symmetry} \longrightarrow \overset{\# = 12}{S_l(0)} \oplus \overset{\# = 24}{S_l(1)} \oplus \overset{\# = 36}{S_l(2)} \oplus \overset{\# = 60}{S_l(4)} \oplus \overset{\# = 72}{S_l(5)}. \quad (3.26)$$

As expected the larger symmetry group of order 72, i.e. $\overset{\# = 72}{S_l(5)}$, is well retrieved, however what remained unknown up to today is the existence of intermediate groups of order 12, 24, 36, 60 with exclusion of the order 48.

Achieving this difficult classification requires some comment. Our former program (`symmetryregge`) [1] has been modified into (`supersymbol3jcount`) where this time a comparison of a lot of S_l sets is carried out. The discoveries of partition selectors are not automatic. Only a thorough examination, logical or intuitive, allows one to find them. For lack of a formal logic program able to optimize or reduce possible redundancies, we can not assert that our selectors are the best. Nevertheless, what is irrefutable is the existence of partitions and selectors. It may be noted also that our results are purely 'computed' and do not derive from a group-theoretical analysis (which remains to do).

4 Analytic formula for super $(3-j)^S$ symbols

Let us start by updating some definitions used in a ancient paper [3].

$$\Delta^S(abc) = \left(\frac{[a+b-c]![a-b+c]![-a+b+c]!}{[a+b+c+\frac{1}{2}]!} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (\text{supertriangle}). \quad (4.1)$$

Delimiters $[]$ around a *number*, integer or half-integer, mean 'integer part of *number*'.

∇ stands for Δ^{-1} and ∇^S for $(\Delta^S)^{-1}$.

A (so-called) parity independent $(3-j)^S$ symbol ² was introduced by Daumens et al. [2] as the product of a scalar factor by a standard $(3-j)$ symbol [its $so(3)$ 'parent']:

$$\begin{pmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & j_3 \\ l_1 m_1 & l_2 m_2 & l_3 m_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & j_3 \\ l_1 & l_2 & l_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} l_1 & l_2 & l_3 \\ m_1 & m_2 & m_3 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (4.2)$$

We have proved [3] that any scalar factor can be written as:

$$\begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & j_3 \\ l_1 & l_2 & l_3 \end{bmatrix} = (-1)^{\phi_{\square}} \begin{cases} \nabla(l_1 l_2 l_3) \Delta^S(j_1 j_2 j_3) & j_1 + j_2 + j_3 \text{ integer} \\ \Delta(l_1 l_2 l_3) \nabla^S(j_1 j_2 j_3) & j_1 + j_2 + j_3 \text{ half-integer} \end{cases}, \quad (4.3)$$

where the general phase factor ϕ_{\square} can be rewritten as

$$(-1)^{\phi_{\square}} = (-1)^{2(j_1+j_2+j_3)+8(j_1-l_1)(j_2-l_2)(j_3-l_3)+4(l_1(j_3+l_3)+l_2(j_1+l_1)+l_3(j_2+l_2))}. \quad (4.4)$$

We will reuse also our shortened notation of a $(3-j)^S$, which drops out all l 's:

$$\begin{pmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & j_3 \\ m_1 & m_2 & m_3 \end{pmatrix}^S = \begin{pmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & j_3 \\ l_1 m_1 & l_2 m_2 & l_3 m_3 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (4.5)$$

It must be realized that the definition of a super $(3-j)^S$ implies two triangular constraints, one for the triangle $(j_1 j_2 j_3)$ with integer or half-integer perimeter, the other for $(l_1 l_2 l_3)$ with integer perimeter only. For example $|j_1 - j_2| \leq j_3 \leq j_1 + j_2$ and $|l_1 - l_2| \leq l_3 \leq l_1 + l_2$.

It is important for establishing a correct table of $(3-j)^S$ symbols from (4.2), (4.5) where the l 's are no more visible and spins j are incremented by step of $\frac{1}{2}$. While forgetting the condition on the l 's, we might have to compute a super symbol like $\begin{pmatrix} 7/2 & 2 & 3/2 \\ -1/2 & 1/2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^S$, that has no existence because its parent $\begin{pmatrix} 7/2 & 3/2 & 1 \\ -1/2 & 1/2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ is not a valid $(3-j)$ symbol for $so(3)$. For the calculations now, it seems judicious to gather some square roots together and define a super scalar factor as

$$\begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & j_3 \\ m_1 & m_2 & m_3 \end{bmatrix}^S = \Delta(l_1 l_2 l_3) \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & j_3 \\ l_1 & l_2 & l_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{super scalar factor}). \quad (4.6)$$

It is of interest because this super-factor then depends simply of an integer positive $\mathbf{I}(j_1 j_2 j_3)$ and of $(j_k \pm m_k)$ for the phase. The result reads

$$\begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & j_3 \\ m_1 & m_2 & m_3 \end{bmatrix}^S = (-1)^{\phi_{\square}} \Delta^S(j_1 j_2 j_3) \mathbf{I}(j_1 j_2 j_3), \quad (4.7)$$

$$\mathbf{I}(j_1 j_2 j_3) = 1 \quad \text{if } j_1 + j_2 + j_3 = \text{integer}, \quad (4.8)$$

²denoted in [2] by $S3-j$.

$$\mathbf{I}(j_1 j_2 j_3) = \sum_k (|(-1)^{2(j_k - m_k)} j_k|) + \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{if } j_1 + j_2 + j_3 = \text{half-integer}. \quad (4.9)$$

Expression \sum_k is a trick for representing the four possible positive integer values of \mathbf{I} :

$$\mathbf{I}_1 = (-j_1 + j_2 + j_3 + \frac{1}{2}), \mathbf{I}_2 = (j_1 - j_2 + j_3 + \frac{1}{2}), \mathbf{I}_3 = (j_1 + j_2 - j_3 + \frac{1}{2}), \mathbf{I}_4 = (j_1 + j_2 + j_3 + \frac{1}{2}). \quad (4.10)$$

Another trick unifying (4.8)-(4.9) into a single formula is the use of integer parts and factorial.

$$\mathbf{I}(j_1 j_2 j_3) = \frac{[|\sum_k (-1)^{2(j_k - m_k)} j_k| + \frac{1}{2}]!}{[\sum_k (-1)^{2(j_k - m_k)} j_k]!}. \quad (4.11)$$

An essential remark concerns the possible doublets $l_k = j_k, l_k = j_k - \frac{1}{2}$. We have

$$(l_k \pm m_k) = [j_k \pm m_k] = [j_k^\pm]. \quad (4.12)$$

This gives the means to end all rearrangements and adopt a definition of a $(3-j)^S$ symbol fully similar to that of a $(3-j)$ symbol in three equations like (2.1)-(2.2)-(2.3).

$$\begin{pmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & j_3 \\ m_1 & m_2 & m_3 \end{pmatrix}^S = \Delta^S(j_1 j_2 j_3) v^S \begin{pmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & j_3 \\ m_1 & m_2 & m_3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (4.13)$$

$$\Delta^S(j_1 j_2 j_3) = \left(\frac{[j_1 + j_2 - j_3]! [j_1 - j_2 + j_3]! [-j_1 + j_2 + j_3]!}{[j_1 + j_2 + j_3 + \frac{1}{2}]!} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad (4.14)$$

$$\begin{aligned} v^S \begin{pmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & j_3 \\ m_1 & m_2 & m_3 \end{pmatrix} &= (-1)^{[j_1^+] - [j_2^-] + \sum_k 2j_k + 8 \prod_k j_k^\pm + 4(j_1^\pm m_2 + j_2^\pm m_3 + j_3^\pm m_1)} (\prod_k [j_k^+]! [j_k^-]!)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\times \frac{[|\sum_k (-1)^{2j_k^\pm} j_k| + \frac{1}{2}]!}{[\sum_k (-1)^{2j_k^\pm} j_k]!} \sum_z \frac{(-1)^z}{z! (z - ([j_2^+] - [j_3^-])! (z - ([j_1^-] - [j_3^+])! (([j_1^+] + [j_2^+] - [j_3^-]) - z)! ([j_1^-] - z)! ([j_2^+] - z)!}. \end{aligned} \quad (4.15)$$

For each $(3-j)^S$, $so(3)$ doublets can be retrieved by using $2l_k = [j_k^+] + [j_k^-]$.

Expressions (4.13)-(4.15) allows one to compute a large table of $(3-j)^S$ that fits with analytic formulas (where one spin equals $\frac{1}{2}$) given in [2], after the correction of a misprint³.

5 Regge symmetry of $(3-j)^S$ symbols

Exactly as for $\{6-j\}^S$ [1] it is found that $(3-j)^S$ symbols admit a classification with three intrinsic parities which we will call again α, β, γ without confusion with the former ones.

Parity α : $\begin{pmatrix} |ev| & |ev| & |ev| \\ \mathbf{c}_1 & \mathbf{c}_2 & \mathbf{c}_3 \end{pmatrix}_\alpha^S$.

Parity β : $\begin{pmatrix} |ev| & |od| & |od| \\ \mathbf{c}_1 & \mathbf{c}_2 & \mathbf{c}_3 \end{pmatrix}_{\beta_1}^S$ or $\begin{pmatrix} |od| & |ev| & |ev| \\ \mathbf{c}_1 & \mathbf{c}_2 & \mathbf{c}_3 \end{pmatrix}_{\beta_1'}^S$,

$\begin{pmatrix} |od| & |ev| & |od| \\ \mathbf{c}_1 & \mathbf{c}_2 & \mathbf{c}_3 \end{pmatrix}_{\beta_2}^S$ or $\begin{pmatrix} |ev| & |od| & |ev| \\ \mathbf{c}_1 & \mathbf{c}_2 & \mathbf{c}_3 \end{pmatrix}_{\beta_2'}^S$,

$\begin{pmatrix} |od| & |od| & |ev| \\ \mathbf{c}_1 & \mathbf{c}_2 & \mathbf{c}_3 \end{pmatrix}_{\beta_3}^S$ or $\begin{pmatrix} |ev| & |ev| & |od| \\ \mathbf{c}_1 & \mathbf{c}_2 & \mathbf{c}_3 \end{pmatrix}_{\beta_3'}^S$.

Parity γ : $\begin{pmatrix} |od| & |od| & |od| \\ \mathbf{c}_1 & \mathbf{c}_2 & \mathbf{c}_3 \end{pmatrix}_\gamma^S$.

³[2], p. 2495, Table IV- Analytic values of $S3-j$ symbols, third formula: $\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}$ to be removed.

Parity α contains only $j_1 + j_2 + j_3$ integer, β can contain $j_1 + j_2 + j_3$ integer (β_κ) or half-integer (β'_κ) and γ only $j_1 + j_2 + j_3$ half-integer. Actually this discrepancy is embedded *via* the analytic expression of $\mathbf{I}(j_1 j_2 j_3)$ given by (4.11), so that a **best classification** of $(3-j)^S$ symbols should be expressed in terms of 'column-parity' and no longer by dichotomizing the cases where $\sum_k j_k$ is integer or half-integer.

According to our defining choice of Regge transformations $\mathcal{R}_1, \mathcal{R}_2, \mathcal{R}_3, \mathcal{R}_4, \mathcal{R}_5$, note that \mathbf{I}_1 is invariant only under \mathcal{R}_1 (parity β_1, β'_1), \mathbf{I}_2 only under \mathcal{R}_2 (parity β_2, β'_2), \mathbf{I}_3 only under \mathcal{R}_3 (parity β_3, β'_3), and \mathbf{I}_4 under \mathcal{R}_{all} (parity γ). \mathbf{I} numbers were defined by (4.10).

A quick reading of the Regge transformations [such as they have been written by (3.4)-(3.8)] indicates right away what are the symbols possessing a (super) Regge symmetry.

5.1 Features of $(3-j)^S$ symbols generated by Regge transformations

Parity α, γ :

In this case properties like (3.20)-(3.25) of course are still valid. Thus analogously

$$(3-j)_{\alpha, \gamma}^S + \text{Regge symmetry} \longrightarrow \overset{\# = 12}{\mathbf{S}_l^S(0)} \oplus \overset{\# = 24}{\mathbf{S}_l^S(1)} \oplus \overset{\# = 36}{\mathbf{S}_l^S(2)} \oplus \overset{\# = 60}{\mathbf{S}_l^S(4)} \oplus \overset{\# = 72}{\mathbf{S}_l^S(5)}. \quad (5.1)$$

Parity β (Indices $\kappa \in [1, 3]$ of $\beta_\kappa, \beta'_\kappa$ are no longer significant)

Only two sets may exist, namely $\mathbf{S}_l^S(0)$ and $\mathbf{S}_l^S(1)$ defined by the selector \mathbf{N}_0^\pm :

$$\mathbf{S}_l^S(0) = \{(3-j)_\beta^S \mid \mathbf{N}_0^\pm \in [1, 2], \quad (5.2)$$

$$\mathbf{S}_l^S(1) = \{(3-j)_\beta^S \mid \mathbf{N}_0^\pm = 0. \quad (5.3)$$

The analog of (5.1) then becomes

$$(3-j)_\beta^S + \text{Regge symmetry} \longrightarrow \overset{\# = 12}{\mathbf{S}_l^S(0)} \oplus \overset{\# = 24}{\mathbf{S}_l^S(1)}. \quad (5.4)$$

Moreover an unexpected specificity of β parity regards the sign of the numerical values of a symbol $(3-j)_\beta^S$ and its transformed by Regge: it can be \pm .

This is explainable by the following proof: Regge transformations such as described by (3.4)-(3.8) and applied formally to a $(3-j)^S$ leave invariant $\sum_k 2j_k$. \forall transformation

$(3-j)^S \xrightarrow{\mathcal{R}_\kappa} (3-j')^S$ with $\kappa \in [1, 5]$. It can be proved that only two phases are relevant:

$$(-1)^{\phi^S} = (-1)^{8\Pi_k j_k^\pm + 4(j_1^\pm m_2 + j_2^\pm m_3 + j_3^\pm m_1)}. \quad (5.5)$$

$$(-1)^{\phi'^S} = (-1)^{8\Pi_k j'_k{}^\pm + 4(j'_1{}^\pm m'_2 + j'_2{}^\pm m'_3 + j'_3{}^\pm m'_1)}. \quad (5.6)$$

From (4.2) it can be seen that

$$(3-j')^S = (-1)^{\phi^S + \phi'^S} \times (3-j)^S. \quad (5.7)$$

For parities α, γ we have $(-1)^{\phi^S + \phi'^S} = +1$.

Consider a \mathcal{R}_1 transformation, valid for a $(3-j)_{\beta_1}^S$, we find a phase $(-1)^{\phi_{\mathcal{R}_1}^S(c_1 c_2 c_3)}$ given by

$$(-1)^{\phi_{\mathcal{R}_1}^S(c_1 c_2 c_3)} = (-1)^{\phi_{\beta_1}^S + \phi'_{\beta_1}^S} = (-1)^{2j_1 + 4j_1 m_1 + 2j_1^+ (j_2^+ - j_3^+) + ((\sum_k 2j_k) + 1)(j_3^- - j_2^- + 1) + 2m_2 + 1}. \quad (5.8)$$

From our definitions of $\mathcal{R}_1, \mathcal{R}_2, \mathcal{R}_3$, it is clear that

$$\phi_{\mathcal{R}_2}^S(c_1 c_2 c_3) = \phi_{\mathcal{R}_1}^S(c_2 c_1 c_3) \quad \text{and} \quad \phi_{\mathcal{R}_3}^S(c_1 c_2 c_3) = \phi_{\mathcal{R}_2}^S(c_1 c_3 c_2). \quad (5.9)$$

In shortcut

$$(3-j)_{\beta_\kappa}^S \xrightarrow{\mathcal{R}_\kappa} (3-j')_{\beta_\kappa}^S \implies (3-j')_{\beta_\kappa}^S = (-1)^{\phi_{\mathcal{R}_\kappa}^S} \times (3-j)_{\beta_\kappa}^S \quad \text{with } \kappa \in [1, 3]. \quad (5.10)$$

Accordingly, Regge transformations for β parity may bring a phase, or not. It depends if $\phi_{\mathcal{R}_\kappa}^S$ is even or odd. Tests on computer turn out satisfactory.

6 Analytic prolongation of $(3-j)^S$ symbols

An attempt for extrapolating our table of $(3-j)^S$ symbols to forbidden cases like $l_3 < |l_1 - l_2|$ or $l_3 > l_1 + l_2$ produces indefinite values, as expected. It shows that only cases of parity β are implicated with **flat integer** triangles defined by $j_\kappa = j_\lambda + j_\mu$, $(\kappa, \lambda, \mu) = \text{circ}(1, 2, 3)$.

Let us denote these forbidden cases by $(3-j)_\beta^{S\times}$ [superscript \times stands for 'forbidden']. So to say, they are 'orphans' *ie* without $so(3)$ parent. The meaning of scalar factors \square or integers \mathbf{I} vanishes, *at first sight*. For a given κ , orphan symbols $(3-j)_\beta^{S\times}$ are precisely of the kind $(3-j)_{\beta_\kappa}^{S\times}$.

For example consider $\left(\begin{smallmatrix} |od| & |od| & |ev| \\ j_1 & j_2 & j_3 \\ m_1 & m_2 & m_3 \end{smallmatrix} \right)_{\beta_3}^{S\times}$ where $j_3 = j_1 + j_2$. Clearly m_1 can take values varying by a step of 1: $m_1 = -j_1 + \frac{1}{2}, -j_1 + \frac{3}{2}, \dots, j_1 - \frac{3}{2}, j_1 - \frac{1}{2}$. The same holds for m_2 . The variation range of m_3 is similar: $m_3 = -j_3 + 1, -j_3 + 2, \dots, j_3 - 2, j_3 - 1$. Each increment is 1. This leads immediately to an analogy with a standard (**flat**) symbol $(3-j)$ whose value is derived from a formula given by Edmonds [6, p. 48]. That reads

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\begin{smallmatrix} |ev| & |ev| & |ev| \\ j_1 - \frac{1}{2} & j_2 - \frac{1}{2} & j_1 + j_2 - 1 \\ m_1 & m_2 & m_3 \end{smallmatrix} \right) = (-1)^{(j_1 - \frac{1}{2} + m_1) - (j_2 - \frac{1}{2} - m_2)} \\ & \times \left[\frac{(2j_1 - 1)!(2j_2 - 1)!(j_1 + j_2 - 1 + m_1 + m_2)!(j_1 + j_2 - 1 - m_1 - m_2)!}{(2j_1 + 2j_2 - 1)!(j_1 - \frac{1}{2} + m_1)!(j_1 - \frac{1}{2} - m_1)!(j_2 - \frac{1}{2} + m_2)!(j_2 - \frac{1}{2} - m_2)!} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}. \end{aligned} \quad (6.1)$$

From (4.3), after noting that the scalar factor $\left[\begin{smallmatrix} j_1 - \frac{1}{2} & j_2 - \frac{1}{2} & j_3 - 1 \\ j_1 - \frac{1}{2} & j_2 - \frac{1}{2} & j_3 - 1 \end{smallmatrix} \right] = [2j_3 - 1]^{\frac{1}{2}}$, we re-write (6.1) under a form that highlights our proposal of analytic prolongation:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[\begin{smallmatrix} j_1 - \frac{1}{2} & j_2 - \frac{1}{2} & j_3 - 1 \\ j_1 - \frac{1}{2} & j_2 - \frac{1}{2} & j_3 - 1 \end{smallmatrix} \right] \left(\begin{smallmatrix} j_1 - \frac{1}{2} & j_2 - \frac{1}{2} & j_3 - 1 \\ m_1 & m_2 & m_3 \end{smallmatrix} \right) = \\ & (-1)^{(j_1 - \frac{1}{2} + m_1) - (j_2 - \frac{1}{2} - m_2)} \left[\frac{(2j_1 - 1)!(2j_2 - 1)!(j_3 - 1 + m_3)!(j_3 - 1 - m_3)!}{(2j_3 - 2)!(j_1 - \frac{1}{2} + m_1)!(j_1 - \frac{1}{2} - m_1)!(j_2 - \frac{1}{2} + m_2)!(j_2 - \frac{1}{2} - m_2)!} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}. \end{aligned} \quad (6.2)$$

Analytic prolongation definition:

In a way fully similar to (4.2), we adopt the following definition, with $j_1, j_2 \geq \frac{1}{2}, j_3 \geq 1$:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\begin{smallmatrix} |od| & |od| & |ev| \\ j_1 & j_2 & j_3 \\ m_1 & m_2 & m_3 \end{smallmatrix} \right)_{\beta_3 | j_3 = j_1 + j_2}^{S\times} = \left[\begin{smallmatrix} j_1 - \frac{1}{2} & j_2 - \frac{1}{2} & j_3 - 1 \\ j_1 - \frac{1}{2} & j_2 - \frac{1}{2} & j_3 - 1 \end{smallmatrix} \right] \left(\begin{smallmatrix} j_1 - \frac{1}{2} & j_2 - \frac{1}{2} & j_3 - 1 \\ m_1 & m_2 & m_3 \end{smallmatrix} \right) \\ & = (-1)^{j_1^+ - j_2^-} \left[\frac{(j_3^+ - 1)!(j_3^- - 1)!}{(2j_3 - 2)!} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \left[\frac{(2j_1 - 1)!(2j_2 - 1)!}{[j_1^+]![j_1^-]![j_2^+]![j_2^-]!} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}. \end{aligned} \quad (6.3)$$

Then $(3-j)_{\beta_3|\text{flat}}^{S\times}$ can be re-integrated in the set of regular $(3-j)^S$ symbols, according to a single set of equalities $l_1 = j_1 - \frac{1}{2}, l_2 = j_2 - \frac{1}{2}, l_3 = j_3 - 1$, by making the following identification

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc} |od| & |od| & |ev| \\ j_1 & j_2 & j_3 \\ m_1 & m_2 & m_3 \end{array} \right)_{\beta_3 | j_3=j_1+j_2}^{S\times} \simeq \left(\begin{array}{ccc} |ev| & |ev| & |ev| \\ j_1 - \frac{1}{2} & j_2 - \frac{1}{2} & j_3 - 1 \\ m_1 & m_2 & m_3 \end{array} \right)_{\alpha | j_3=j_1+j_2}^S. \quad (6.4)$$

More generally

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc} j_1 & j_2 & j_3 \\ m_1 & m_2 & m_3 \end{array} \right)_{\beta_\kappa |\text{flat}}^{S\times} \simeq \left(\begin{array}{ccc} j_\lambda - \frac{1}{2} & j_\mu - \frac{1}{2} & j_\kappa - 1 \\ m_\lambda & m_\mu & m_\kappa \end{array} \right)_{\alpha}^S \Big|_{\substack{j_\kappa = j_\lambda + j_\mu \\ (\kappa, \lambda, \mu) = \text{circ}(1, 2, 3)}}, \quad (6.5)$$

with the following numerical value

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc} j_1 & j_2 & j_3 \\ m_1 & m_2 & m_3 \end{array} \right)_{\beta_\kappa |\text{flat}}^{S\times} = (-1)^{j_\lambda^+ - j_\mu^-} \left[\frac{(j_\kappa^+ - 1)!(j_\kappa^- - 1)!}{(2j_\kappa - 2)!} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \left[\frac{(2j_\lambda - 1)!(2j_\mu - 1)!}{[j_\lambda^+]![j_\lambda^-]![j_\mu^+]![j_\mu^-]!} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}. \quad (6.6)$$

Regge transformations and notation for flat triangles:

Since a symbol $(3-j)_{\beta_\kappa|\text{flat}}^{S\times}$ is actually of the kind α then $\mathcal{R}_{all} \left((3-j)_{\beta_\kappa|\text{flat}}^{S\times} \right)$ have their five identical numerical values, phase included. In order to ensure the **closure property** (3.12), we need an additional filtering operation ($S_{\underline{\text{filter}}}$), where the bar which underlines means that only flat triangles $(j_1 j_2 j_3)$ are retained. Extension of this underlining will be used elsewhere with an obvious signification. Analogously to (3.11) we may define a $\underline{\mathcal{R}}_{egge}^*$ as

$$\underline{\mathcal{R}}_{egge}^* = (S_{\underline{\text{filter}}}) \circ (S_{\text{filter}}) \circ \mathcal{R}_{all}. \quad (6.7)$$

Clearly the number of disjoint sets $\underline{\mathfrak{S}}_l^S(n_\emptyset)$ will be reduced. A bit like for a true parity β (*ie* valid), the remaining selection comes from only one \mathcal{R}_1 , or \mathcal{R}_2 or \mathcal{R}_3 . Accordingly both possible values of n_\emptyset belong to the range $[0, 1]$. We can present the results as follows:

$$\boxed{(3-j)_{\underline{\beta}}^{S\times} \simeq (3-j)_{\underline{\alpha}}^S + \underline{\mathbf{R}}_{egge}^* \text{ symmetry} \longrightarrow \underline{\mathfrak{S}}_l^S(0) \oplus \underline{\mathfrak{S}}_l^S(1)}. \quad (6.8)$$

The relevant selectors here and their notations are slightly different from (3.13)-(3.14).

$$\underline{\mathbf{N}}_0^d = \text{number of zeros of } \{(\mathbf{j}_i^+ - \mathbf{j}_k^+)_{i \neq k}\} + \text{number of zeros of } \{(\mathbf{j}_i^- - \mathbf{j}_k^-)_{i \neq k}\}, \quad (6.9)$$

$$\underline{\mathbf{N}}_0^\pm = \text{number of zeros of } \{(\mathbf{j}_i^+ - \mathbf{j}_k^-)_{i \neq k}\} + \text{number of zeros of } \{(\mathbf{j}_i^- - \mathbf{j}_k^+)_{i \neq k}\}, \quad (6.10)$$

where the spins \mathbf{j} are defined from (6.5) by

$$\mathbf{j}_\lambda = j_\lambda - \frac{1}{2}, \mathbf{j}_\mu = j_\mu - \frac{1}{2}, \mathbf{j}_\kappa = j_\kappa - 1. \quad (6.11)$$

Below are listed the selectors and their values such as we found them:

$$\begin{aligned}
\underline{\mathfrak{S}}_i^S(0) = \{(3-j)_{\underline{\beta}_\kappa}^{S\times}\} | \quad & \underline{\mathbb{N}}_0^\pm = 1, \underline{\mathbb{N}}_0^d \in [0, 2], ((j_\lambda^+ = j_\mu^-) \text{ or } (j_\lambda^- = j_\mu^+)) \\
& \text{or} \\
& [\underline{\mathbb{N}}_0^\pm = 2], (\underline{\mathbb{N}}_0^d = 0 \text{ or } 2), (j_\lambda^+ = j_\mu^-) \text{ and } (j_\lambda^- = j_\mu^+) \\
& \text{or } (\underline{\mathbb{N}}_0^d = 1 \text{ or } 3), ((j_\lambda^+ = j_\mu^- = j_\kappa^+) \text{ or } (j_\lambda^- = j_\mu^+ = j_\kappa^-)) \\
& \text{or} \\
& \underline{\mathbb{N}}_0^\pm \in [3, 4] \text{ or } \underline{\mathbb{N}}_0^\pm = 6,
\end{aligned} \tag{6.12}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\underline{\mathfrak{S}}_i^S(1) = \{(3-j)_{\underline{\beta}_\kappa}^{S\times}\} | \quad & \underline{\mathbb{N}}_0^\pm = 0 \\
& \text{or} \\
& \underline{\mathbb{N}}_0^\pm = 1, \underline{\mathbb{N}}_0^d \in [0, 2] \text{ and} \\
& ((j_\lambda^+ = j_\kappa^-) \text{ or } (j_\lambda^- = j_\kappa^+) \text{ or } (j_\mu^+ = j_\kappa^-) \text{ or } (j_\mu^- = j_\kappa^+)) \\
& \text{or} \\
& [\underline{\mathbb{N}}_0^\pm = 2], \\
& \underline{\mathbb{N}}_0^d = 0, ((j_\lambda^+ = j_\kappa^-) \text{ and } (j_\lambda^- = j_\kappa^+)) \text{ or } ((j_\mu^+ = j_\kappa^-) \text{ and } (j_\mu^- = j_\kappa^+)) \\
& \text{or } \underline{\mathbb{N}}_0^d = 1, ((j_\lambda^+ = j_\mu^+ = j_\kappa^-) \text{ or } (j_\lambda^- = j_\mu^- = j_\kappa^+)) \\
& \text{or } \underline{\mathbb{N}}_0^d = 2, ((j_\lambda^+ = j_\kappa^-) \text{ and } (j_\lambda^- = j_\kappa^+)) \text{ or } ((j_\mu^+ = j_\kappa^-) \text{ and } (j_\mu^- = j_\kappa^+)) \\
& \text{or } ((j_\lambda^+ = j_\mu^+ = j_\kappa^-) \text{ or } (j_\lambda^- = j_\mu^- = j_\kappa^+)).
\end{aligned} \tag{6.13}$$

Note that $(j_\lambda^\pm = j_\mu^\mp) \equiv (j_\lambda^\pm = j_\mu^\mp)$ and $(j_\lambda^\pm = j_\mu^\pm) \equiv (j_\lambda^\pm = j_\mu^\pm)$. Again, it is awkward to have so many defining equations of selectors for a few flat triangles. All could certainly be simplified and presented otherwise by optimizing the selectors that we have adopted throughout the research. This is another matter for reflection, not discussed in this study.

The advantage of the proposed analytical extension allows one to compute a complete table of $(3-j)^S$ symbols where the spins can vary by step of $\frac{1}{2}$ by considering only the triangular constraint on the triangle $(j_1 j_2 j_3)$.

7 Conclusion

As known the set of σ -orbits can provide a partition of a symmetric group S_k , however the present situation is different since a partition of any $(3-j)$ or $(3-j)^S$ symbol is built from linear transformations (Regge). Although the $(3-j)$ symbols are objects simpler than the $\{6-j\}$ symbols [9], for now this feature is far from evident when considering the disparities between the (Regge) partitions found here and that of $\{6-j\}/\{6-j\}^S$ analyzed in [1]. Our partitions and selectors being properly identified, the ideal would be to derive those of $(3-j)/(3-j)^S$ from those of $\{6-j\}/\{6-j\}^S$ since it is recognized that a $(3-j)$ may be viewed as an asymptotic limit of a $\{6-j\}$. “*In this limit the 6j Regge symmetry becomes the 3j Regge symmetry*” [10, p. 118].

Actually the results obtained in this paper are far to close the studies of Regge symmetries sometimes qualified of ‘mysterious’ or ‘surprising’, even after the most recent studies [9, 10]. Another approach oriented to the point of view of partitions might be fruitful.

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